

Monthly Employment Statistics for November, 2012

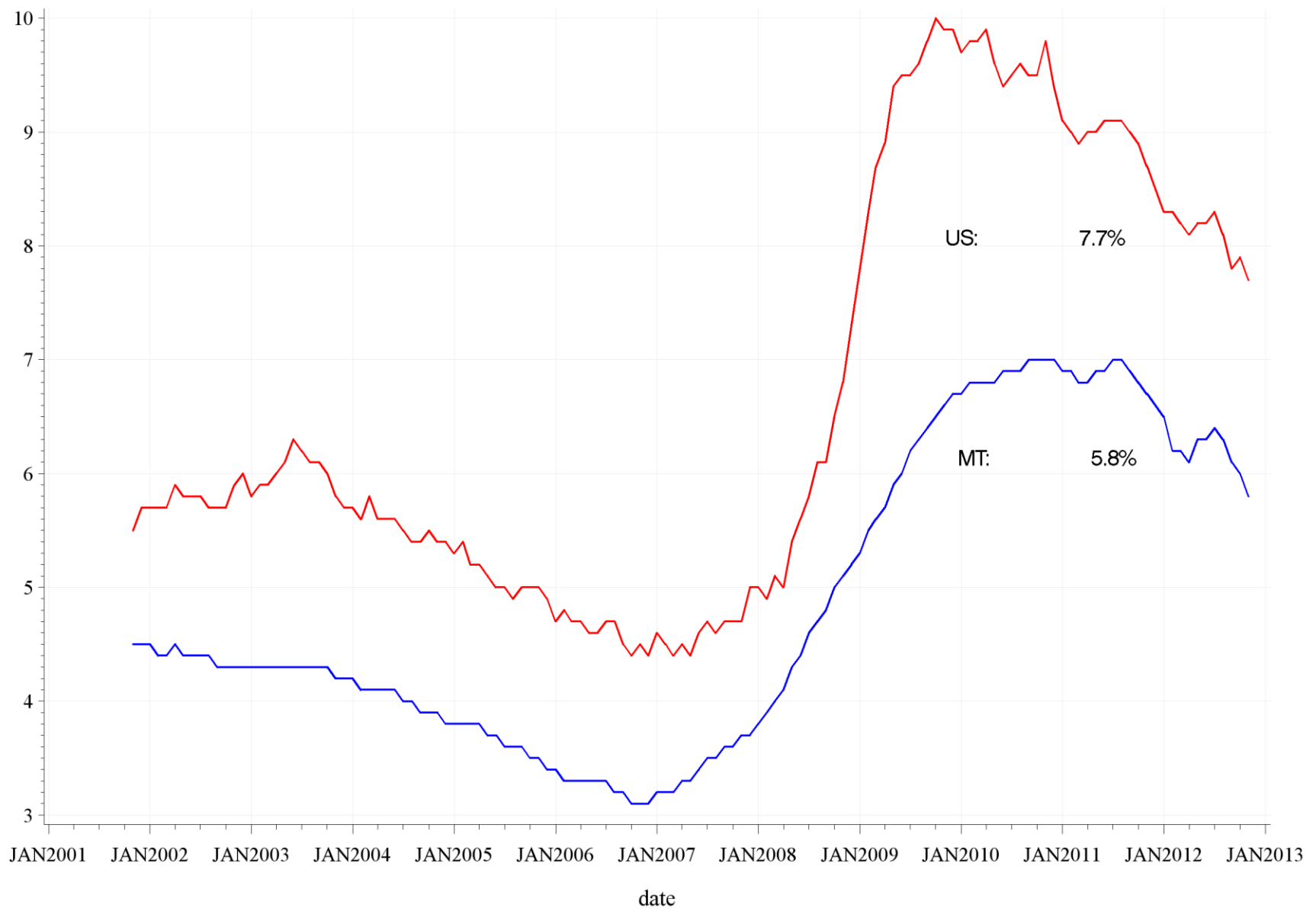
Montana's unemployment rate for November is 5.8 percent, a -0.2 change from last month's rate of 6 percent. In comparison, the national unemployment rate is 7.7 percent, a -0.2 change from last month's US rate of 7.9 percent.

Since the recession started in Dec. 2007, the Montana unemployment rate has ranged from 3.7 to 7 , a 3.3 point increase in the unemployment rate because of the recession. Including all available years, Montana's unemployment rate hit a historic high of 8.8 in 1983 and a historic low of 3.1 in 2006 .

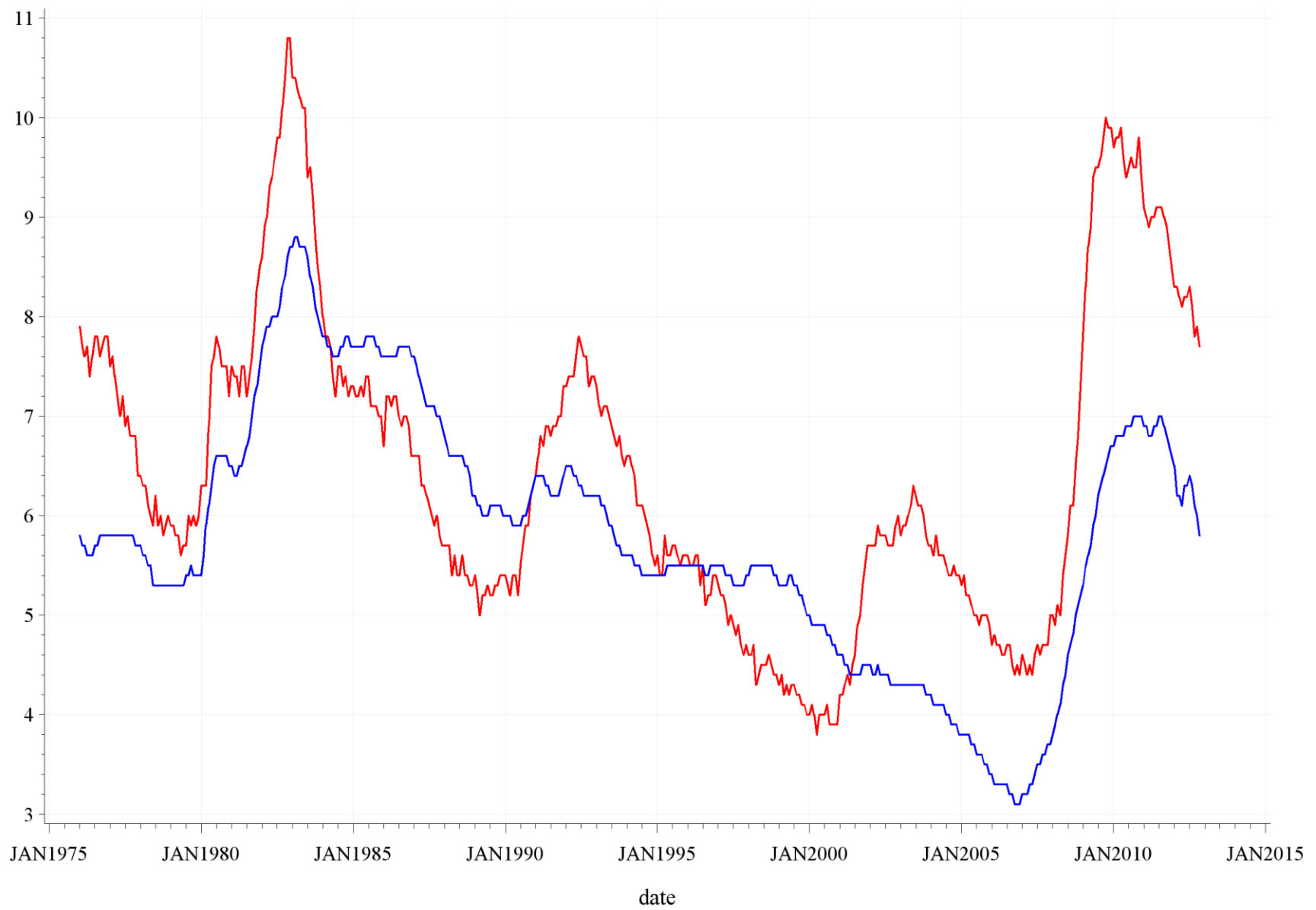
Montana is tied for the 14 th lowest unemployment rate out of 50 states.

	US	Montana	Idaho	North Dakota	South Dakota	Wyoming
Current Month Rate	7.7	5.8	6.8	3.1	4.4	5.1
Change from Last Month	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Change since Dec. 07	2.7	2.1	3.4	0.1	1.7	2.5
Change since Last Year	-1.0	-0.9	-1.7	-0.3	0.1	-0.6
Current Rank among states	.	14.0	23.0	1.0	3.0	5.0

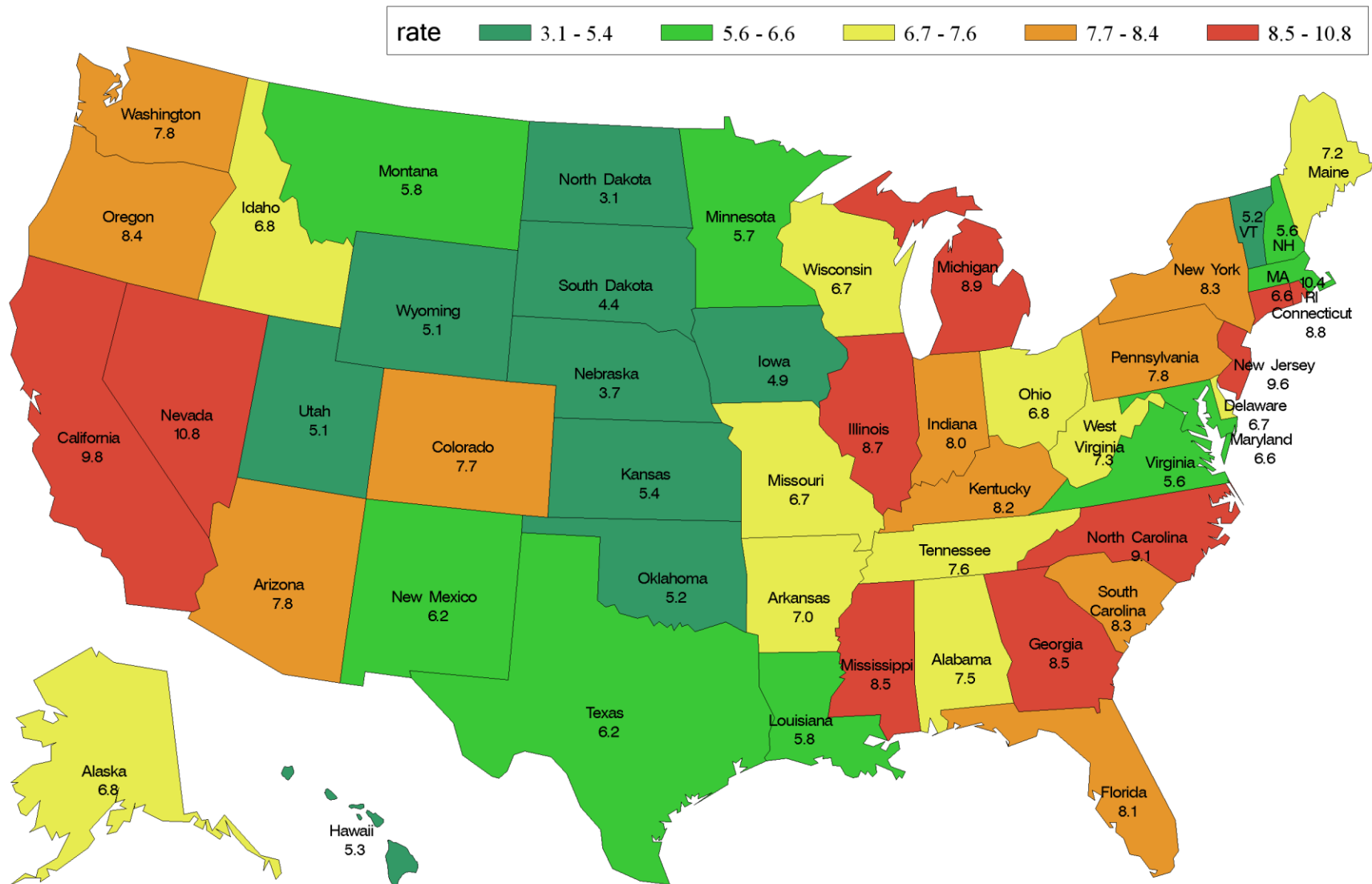
Unemployment Rate for the US and Montana since 2001

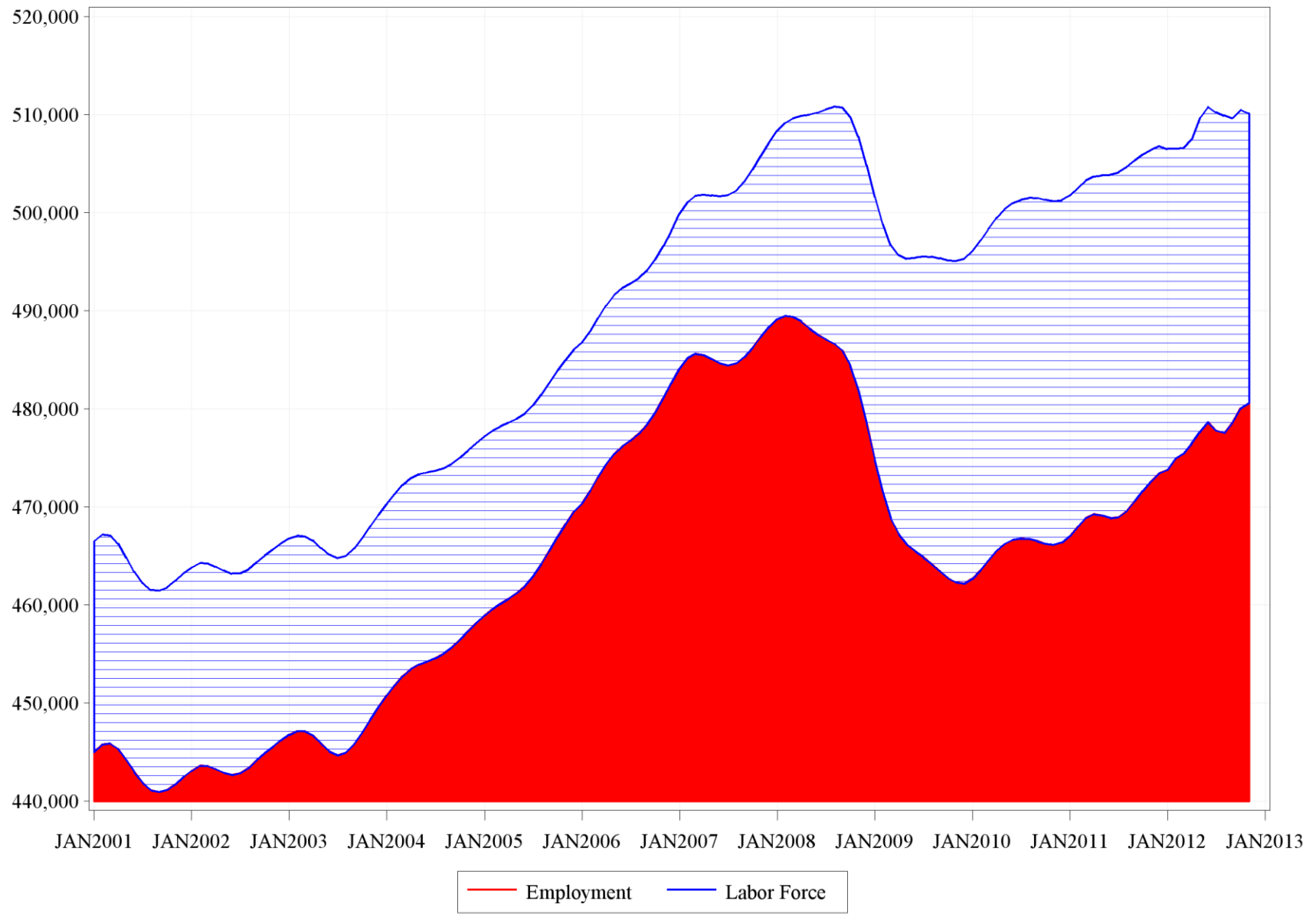


Unemployment Rate for the US and Montana since 1976



Unemployment Rate by State

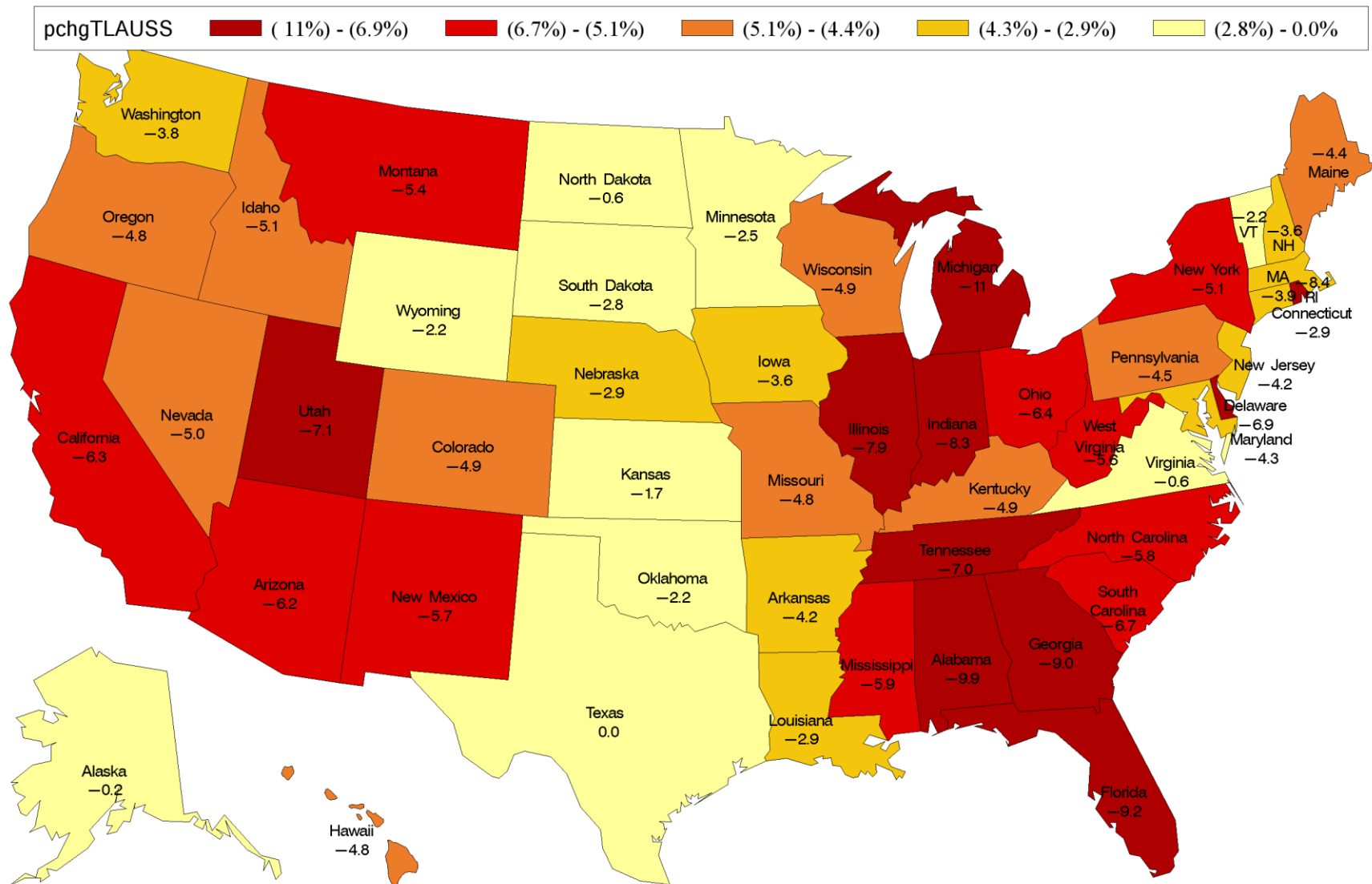


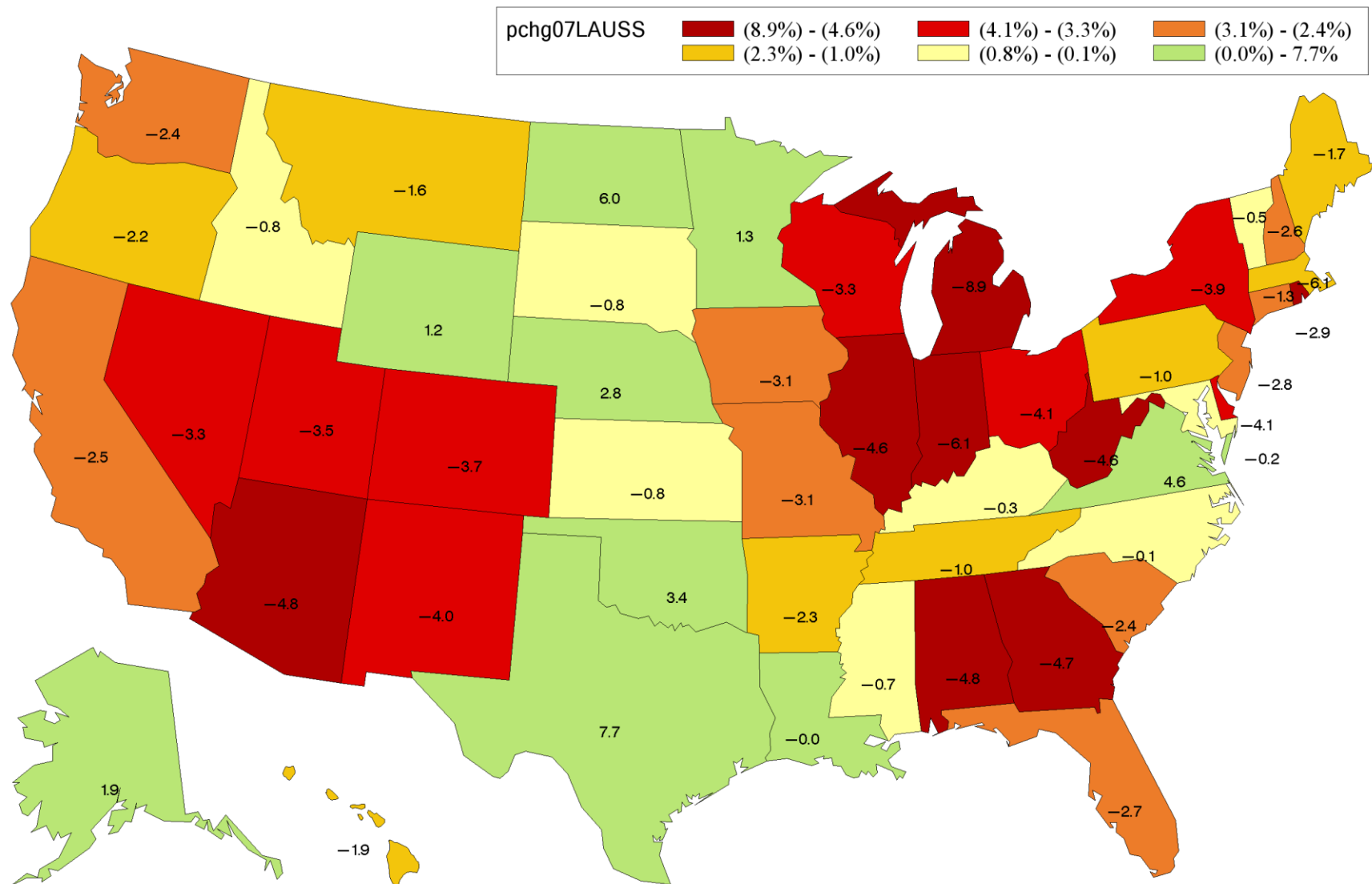
Montana Labor Force and Employment, 2000 to current

Employment Figures

Series	Includes	Change from Dec. 2007 to Trough	Percent change to Trough	Loss rank among 50 states	Change since Dec. 2007 to Now	Percent change to Now	Montana rank among 50 states
CES SA	Payroll only	-22,300	(5.0%)	31	-11,900	(2.7%)	28
CES U	Payroll only	-34,800	(7.8%)	33	-12,200	(2.7%)	29
LAUS U	Ag, self-employed, & payroll	-29,371	(6.1%)	21	-4,078	(0.8%)	31
LAUS SA	Ag, self-employed, & payroll	-26,166	(5.4%)	19	-7,753	(1.6%)	30

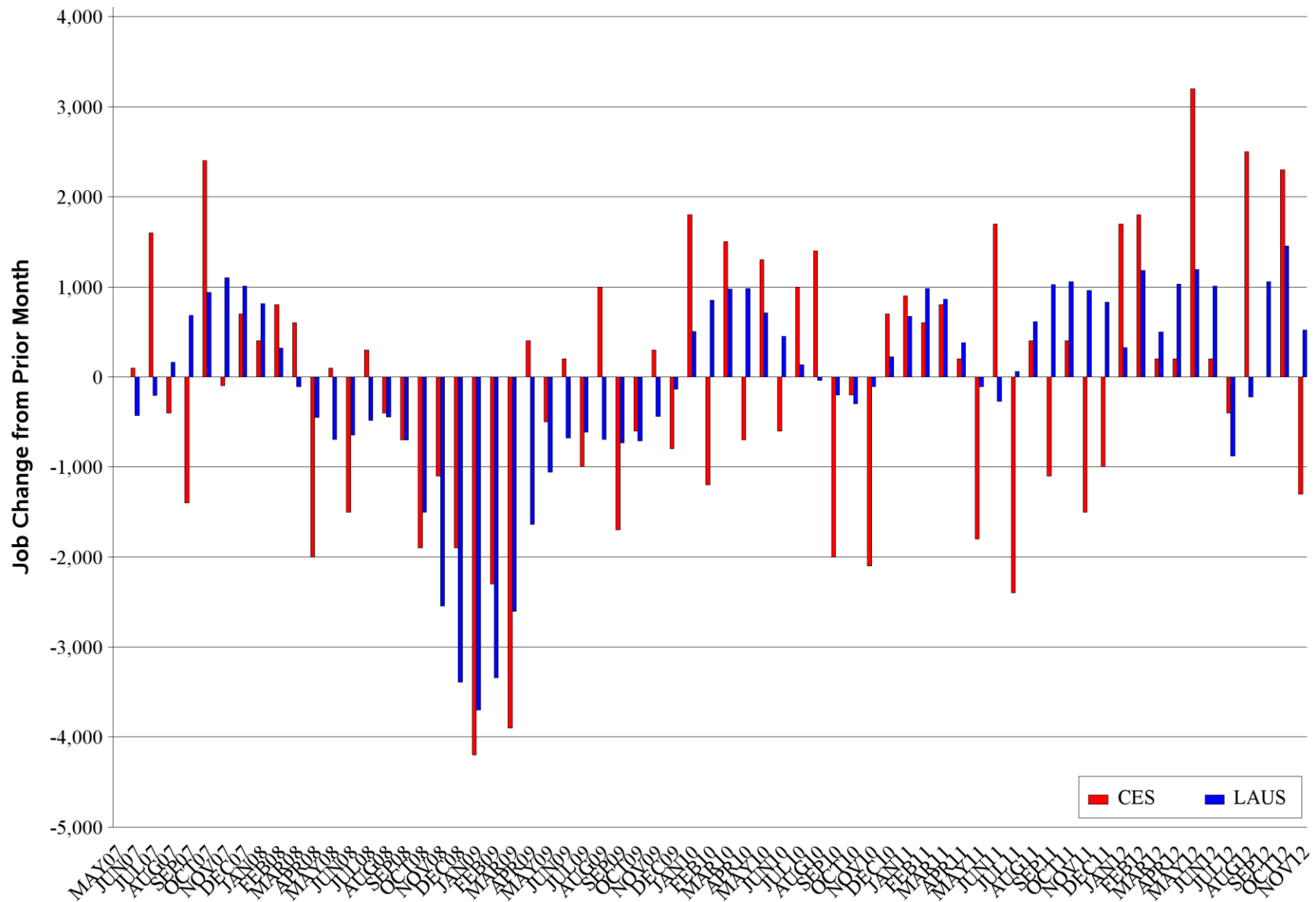
Employment Loss from Start of Recession (Dec. 2007) to Trough

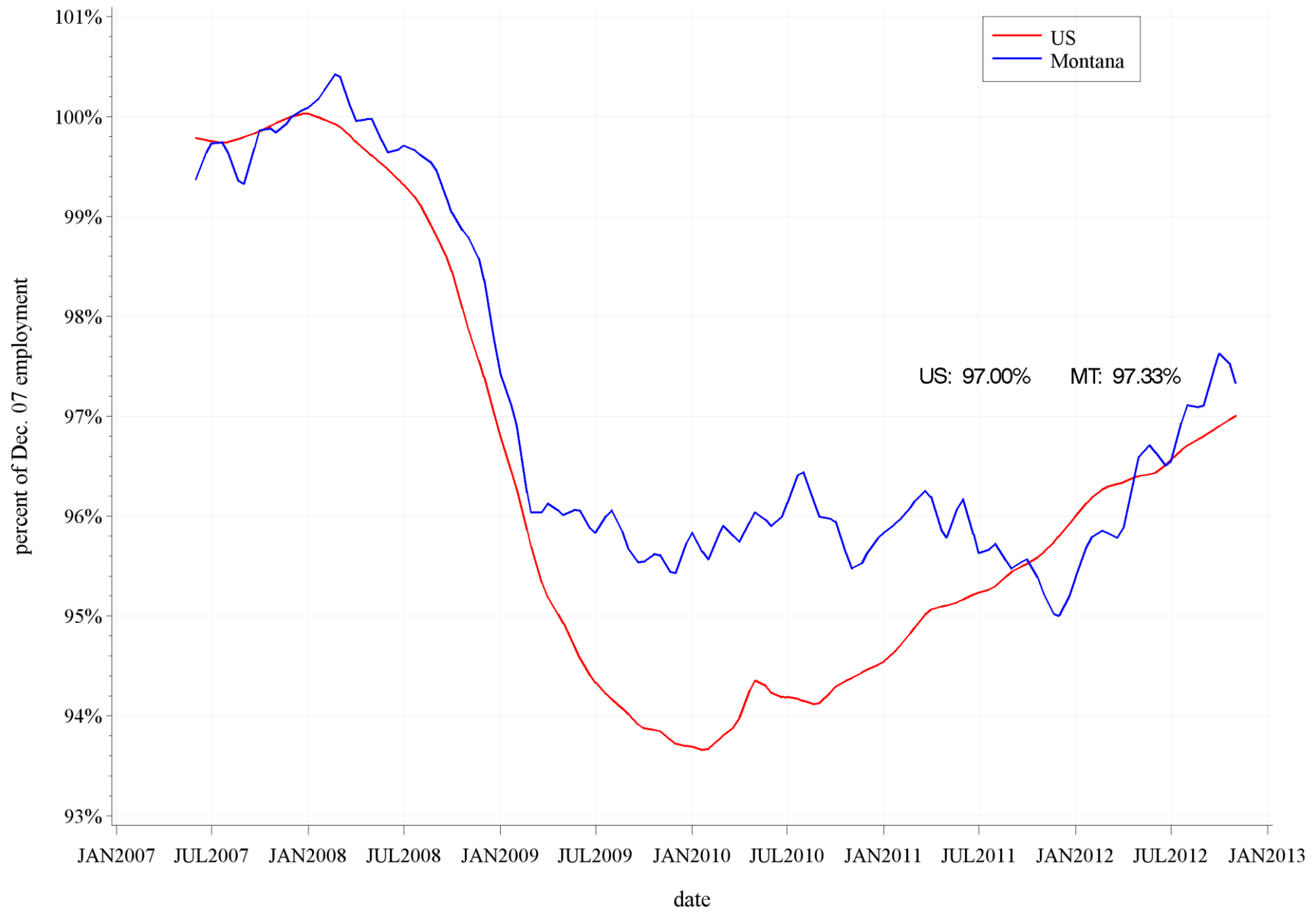


Employment Loss from Dec. 2007 to Current

Employment Change over Prior Month

Comparing LAUS (Total Employment) and CES (Payroll Employment) Estimates



Indexed Payroll Employment (Dec. 2007= 100)

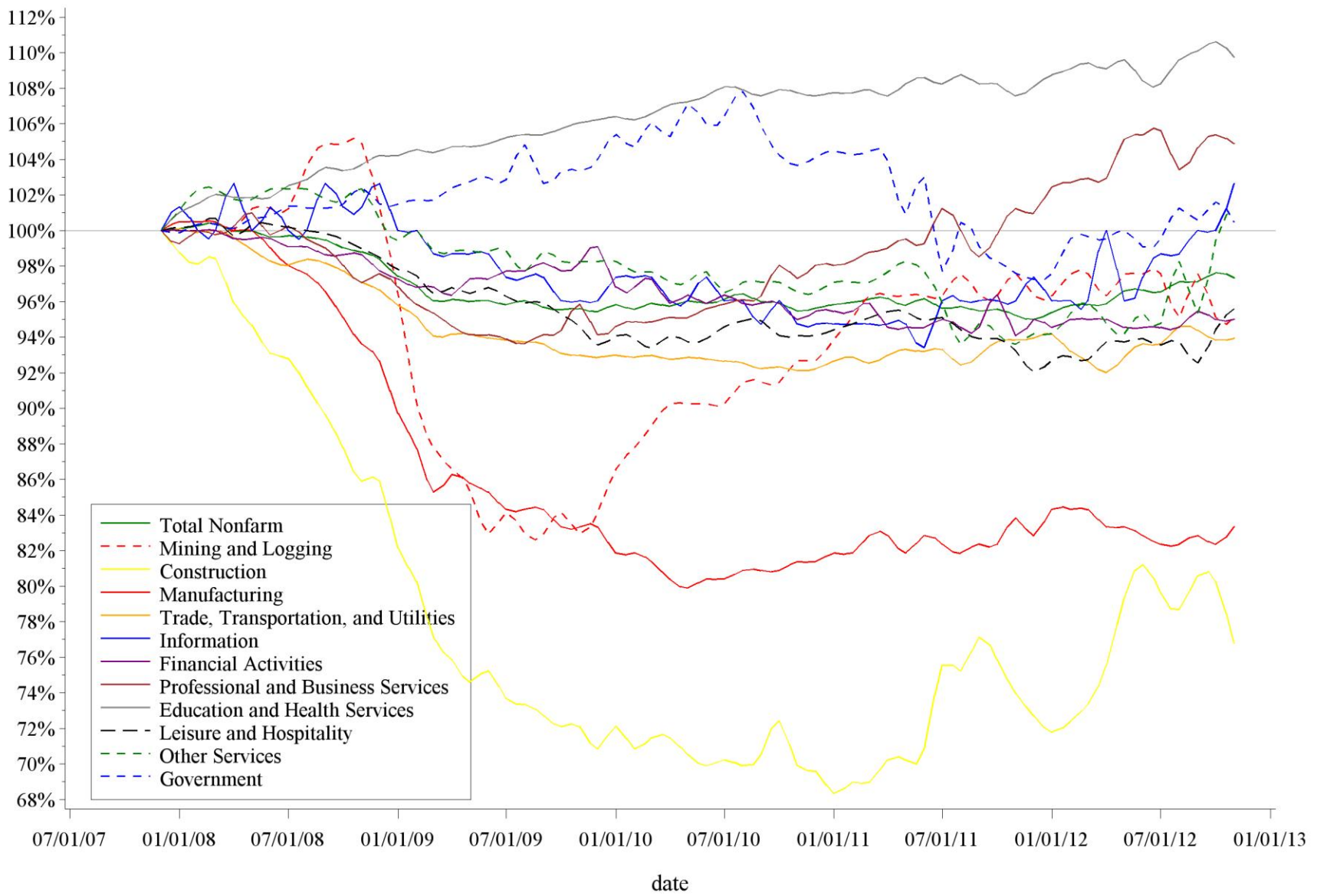
Indexed Payroll Employment (Dec. 2007= 100)

Industry	Current Month	Change from last month	Change since Dec. 2007	Percent of Dec. 2007 Employment
Total Nonfarm	434,600	-1,300	-11,900	(2.7%)
Mining and Logging	7,800	0	-400	(4.9%)
Construction	24,500	-1,100	-7,400	(23%)
Manufacturing	17,000	200	-3,400	(17%)
--Durable Goods	9,400	0	-3,400	(27%)
--Non-Durable Goods	7,600	200	0	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	87,000	100	-5,600	(6.0%)
--Wholesale Trade	16,200	-300	-800	(4.7%)
--Retail Trade	54,400	500	-5,000	(8.4%)
--Transportation and Utilities	16,400	-100	200	1.2%
Information	7,800	200	200	2.6%
Financial Activities	20,900	0	-1,100	(5.0%)
--Finance and Insurance	16,000	-100	100	0.6%
--Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	4,900	100	-1,200	(20%)
Professional and Business Services	42,900	-200	2,000	4.9%
--Professional, Scientific, and Technical	19,400	0	200	1.0%
--Administrative and Support and Waste M	21,200	-400	1,100	5.5%
Education and Health Services	65,200	-500	5,800	9.8%
--Health Care and Social Assistance	60,000	0	4,900	8.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	56,500	700	-2,600	(4.4%)
--Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9,900	-200	-1,800	(15%)
--Accommodation and Food Services	46,600	900	-800	(1.7%)
Other Services	17,400	300	200	1.2%
Government	87,600	-1,000	400	0.5%
--Federal Government	12,800	-300	-600	(4.5%)

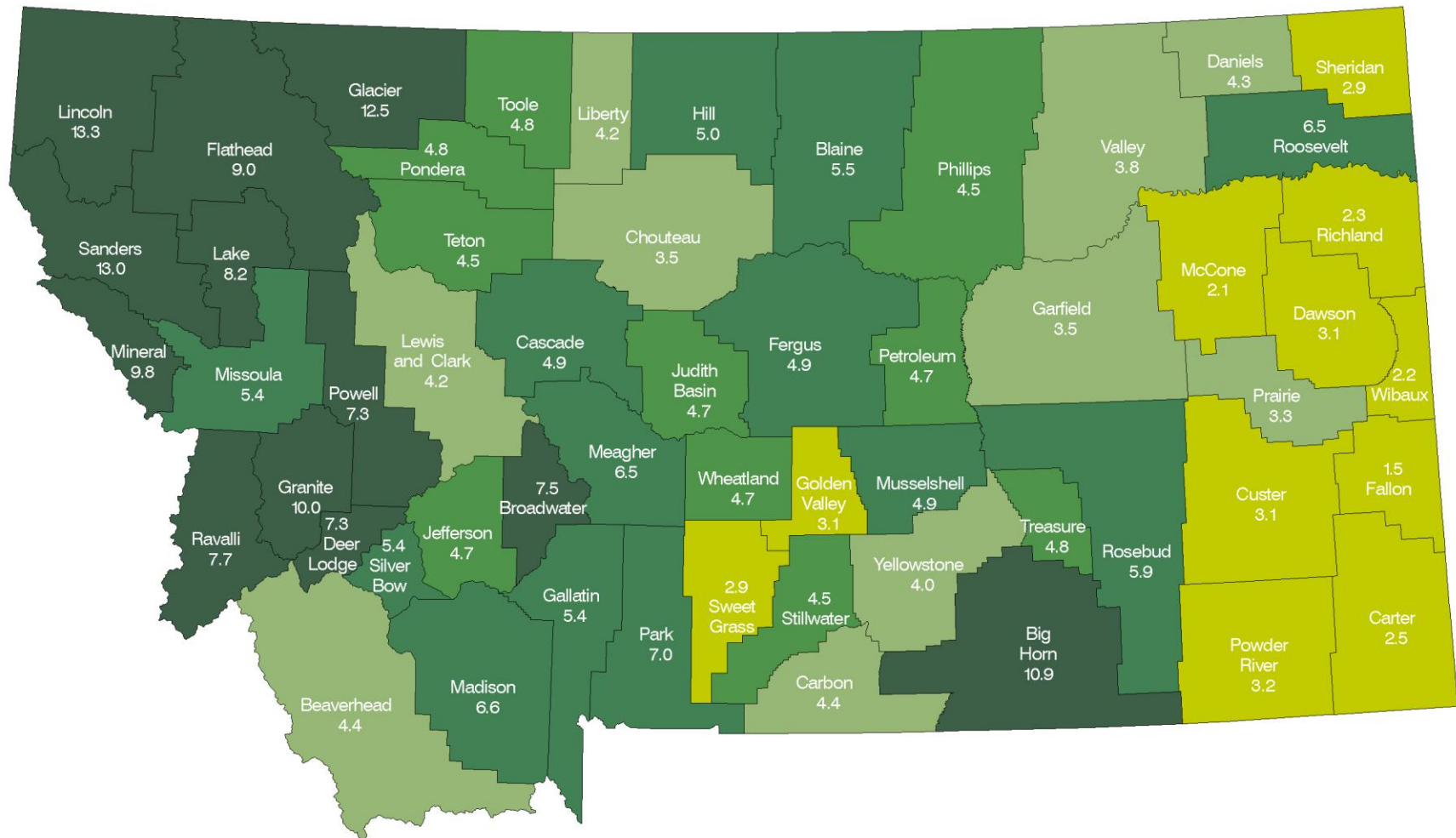
Indexed Payroll Employment (Dec. 2007= 100)

Industry	Current Month	Change from last month	Change since Dec. 2007	Percent of Dec. 2007 Employment
--State Government	26,600	100	1,200	4.7%
--Local Government	48,200	-800	-200	(0.4%)

Indexed Industry Payroll Employment since Dec. 2007
Employment Level in Dec. 2007 = 100%

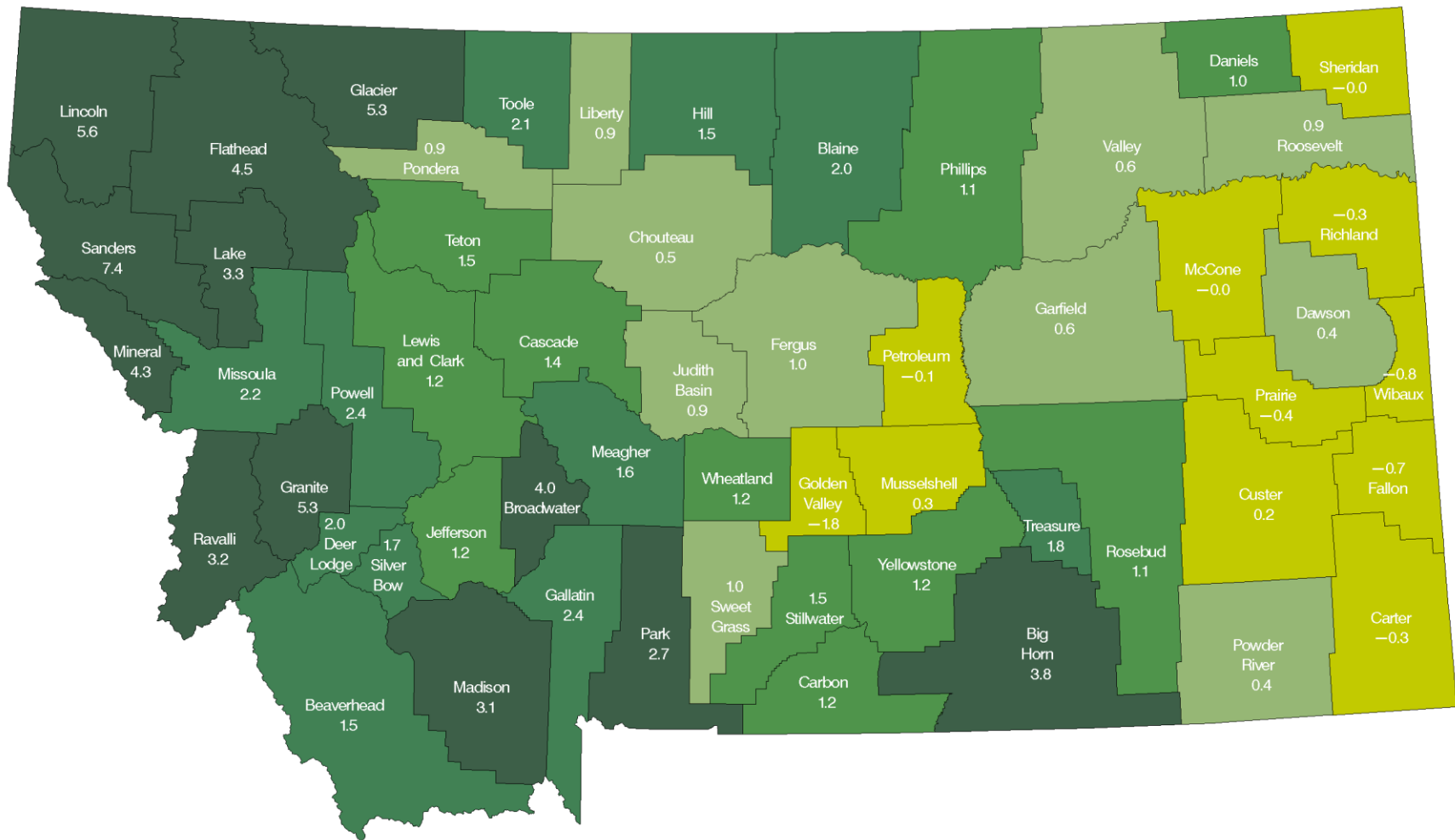


Montana County Unemployment Rates for November , 2012

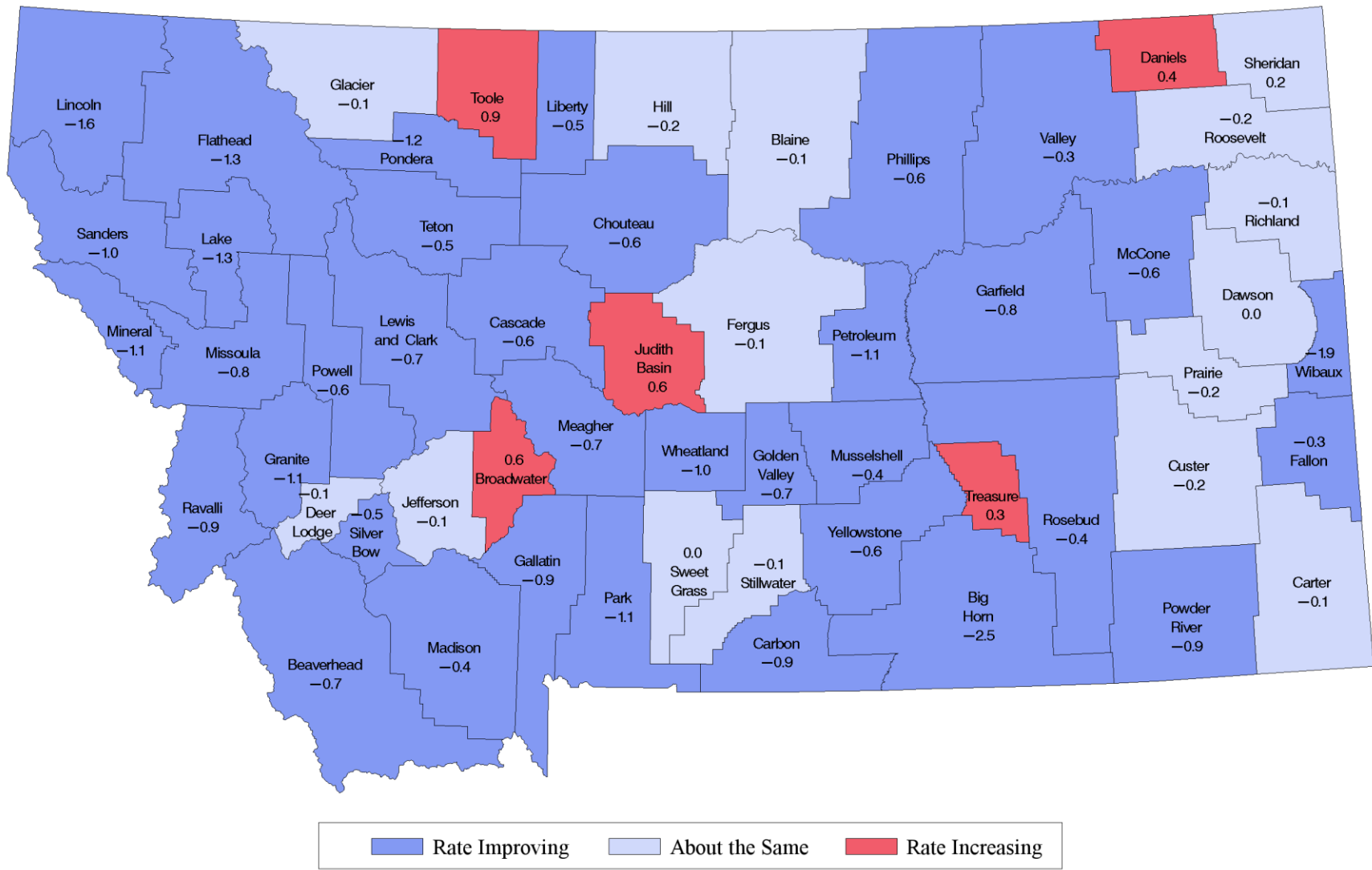


County Rates are not seasonally adjusted. Montana's unadjusted rate is 5.7

**Difference between the Current Unemployment Rate and the 5-year Average for
November, 2012**

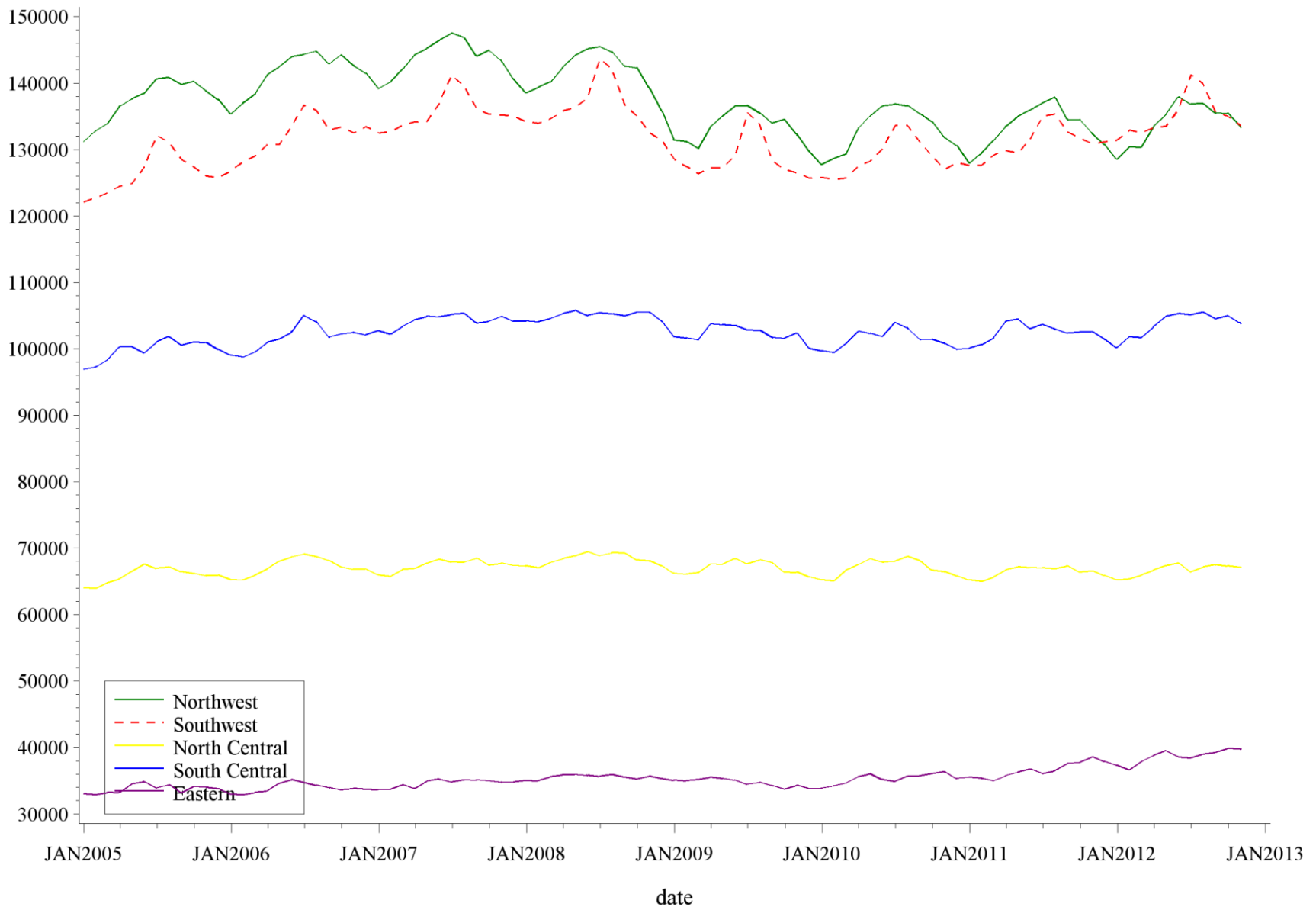


**Counties where the Unemployment Rate is Improving vs. Counties where the Rate is Increasing
for the month of November over the year ending 2012**



stat	Name	Rate	Recession Change
County with the Highest Rate	Lincoln	13.3	5.6
County with the Lowest Rate	Fallon	1.5	-0.7
County with the Largest UR Increase	Sanders	13.0	7.4
County with the Lowest UR Recession	Golden Valley	3.1	-1.8

Regional Employment



Regional Employment Change over Prior Year

